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Requirements for Hungarian Refugees per Your Memorandum of 15 November

1. The types of individuals in which this branch would be interested are those who would be able to report on Hungarian economic organization and structure, with particular reference to recent measures taken to achieve limited economic decentralization. In addition, any persons who had contact with or knowledge of CEMA and the movements toward Bloc coordination are of interest to us. Finally, any persons having extensive knowledge of civil defense preparations such as police commanders, upper level transport or construction officials, Ministry of Health employees and Red Cross headquarters personnel, would be helpful to us. Specific priority requirements follow.

2. What is the role of Hungary's economy as of late 1956, in the CEMA sponsored Bloc-wide economic coordination? Have there been any indications in recent months that Hungary would attempt to become more economically independent from the USSR and the other Satellites?

3. What specific steps has the Hungarian government recently taken toward decentralizing its economic structure; in particular, what steps have been taken to institute the system of Workers' Councils in individual enterprises?

4. How and by whom were national civil defense plans prepared? Describe and give the cost of national, city or area protective construction--air raid shelters, auxiliary water, alternate utility lines, civil defense headquarters. Give construction specifications, locations. What civil defense materials are stockpiled and in what quantity? Medical, fire-fighting, food, radiation instruments, etc. Where stored? What is the central organization for civil defense control? What special units exist and where are they stationed? How has civil defense planning been modified to meet the possibility of atomic attack?

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